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SUBJ: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: SEARCH FOR NEW GOVERNMENT CONTINUES

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1. FIFTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, ANNOUNCED AS "IMMINENT" TWO WEEKS AGO, HAS STILL NOT BEEN FORMED. GONCALVES MET BRIEFLY WITH MOST MEMBERS OF OUTGOING FOURTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AUGUST 5 TO REAFFIRM CABINET MEMBERS' CONTINUING MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES DURING INTERIM. SOCIALIST CABINET MEMBERS DID NOT ATTEND MEETING, NOR DID MINISTERS-WITHOUT-PORTFOLIO (WHO REPRESENTED PARTIES FORMING FOURTH PG COALITION).

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2. REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ALSO MET AUGUST 5, REPORTEDLY TO

DISCUSS SITUATION IN ANGOLA. PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES AND LEADING
RC "MODERATES" ATTENDED MEETING. PM GONCALVES DID NOT.

3. COMMENT: STALEMATED SEARCH FOR NEW GOVERNMENT UNDER
GONCALVES IS DEEPENING PORTUGAL'S ALREADY SERIOUS CRISIS OF
AUTHORITY. IT IS LESS CLEAR THAN EVER JUST WHO IS RUNNING SHOW
IN LISBON. GONCALVES' PAUSE IN EFFORTS TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT
TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION SUGGESTS THAT
FURTHER DELAYS ARE IN STORE.
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